

[Supreme Court Center](#) | [US Laws](#) | [Blawgs.FM](#) | [BlawgSearch.com](#) | [Justia](#) [Justia](#) > [Law](#) > [Louisiana Law](#) > [Louisiana Code](#) > [Title 15 - Criminal procedure](#) > RS 15:321 — Purpose

## RS 15:321 — Purpose

 ☒ Louisiana Code ☐ All US State Codes

### CHAPTER 1-A. LOUISIANA SENTENCING COMMISSION

#### §321. Purpose

A. The enactment of statutes defining criminal offenses and the establishment of ranges of penalties for those offenses is a matter of substantive law solely within the prerogative of the legislature. The determination and imposition of sentence in particular cases is generally the function of the sentencing court, subject to appellate review and to mandatory sentences provided by law.

B. The legislature has determined that the best interest of the state would be served by the development and implementation of a uniform sentencing policy for use by the Louisiana judiciary. The purpose of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission is to assist the judiciary and the legislature in formulating such policy.

C. The commission shall conduct an annual review of the state's sentencing structure based upon existing criminal law and law relative to criminal procedure. The commission may recommend such legislation as may be necessary and appropriate to achieve a uniform sentencing policy.

Acts 1987, No. 158, §1; Acts 1995, No. 942, §2.

Justia Lawyer, Legal Aid & Services Directory: [Louisiana Criminal Law Lawyers](#)

Copyright © Justia - No copyright claim is made to any of the government data on these pages.

[Company](#) :: [Terms of Service](#) :: [Privacy Policy](#) :: [Contact Us](#) :: [Have a Happy Day!](#)

[Supreme Court Center](#) | [US Laws](#) | [Blawgs.FM](#) | [BlawgSearch.com](#) | [Justia](#)

[Justia](#) > [Law](#) > [Louisiana Law](#) > [Louisiana Code](#) > [Title 15 - Criminal procedure](#) > RS 15:322 — Louisiana sentencing commission

## RS 15:322 — Louisiana sentencing commission

☒ Louisiana Code ☐ All US State Codes

### §322. Louisiana Sentencing Commission

The Louisiana Sentencing Commission is hereby created and established under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice in the office of the governor.

Acts 1987, No. 158, §1.

Justia Lawyer, Legal Aid & Services Directory: [Louisiana Criminal Law Lawyers](#)

Copyright © Justia - No copyright claim is made to any of the government data on these pages.

[Company](#) :: [Terms of Service](#) :: [Privacy Policy](#) :: [Contact Us](#) :: Have a Happy Day!

[Supreme Court Center](#) | [US Laws](#) | [Blawgs.FM](#) | [BlawgSearch.com](#) | [Justia](#)

[Justia](#) > [Law](#) > [Louisiana Law](#) > [Louisiana Code](#) > [Title 15 - Criminal procedure](#) > RS 15:323 — Composition of commission

## RS 15:323 — Composition of commission

☒ Louisiana Code ☐ All US State Codes

### §323. Composition of commission

A. The commission shall be composed of twenty-three members. Nineteen members shall be voting members as designated in Subsection B and four members shall be nonvoting members as designated in Subsection D.

B.(1) Four voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

- (a) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (b) The chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
- (c) One member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (d) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Section C.

(2) Fifteen voting members shall be appointed by the governor as follows:

- (a) Two district attorneys.
- (b) Two attorneys specializing primarily in the defense of persons charged with criminal offenses.
- (c) Two sheriffs.
- (d) One judge of a court of appeal.
- (e) Five district court judges, at least four of whom must be active.
- (f) One city court judge.
- (g) One justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court.
- (h) One Louisiana citizen who is not an attorney, who is not formally associated with the criminal justice system, and who is a felony crime victim or a member of the immediate family of a felony crime victim, from a list of three names submitted by Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc.

C. Except as provided in R.S. 15:323(B)(1), voting members shall serve for a term concurrent with that of the governor.

D. A representative of the Louisiana State Law Institute as designated by its president, a representative of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice as designated by its chairman, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or his designee, and one professional having a doctorate degree in a social science or criminal justice field appointed by the governor shall serve as the four nonvoting members of the commission.

E. Each appointment by the governor shall be subject to Senate confirmation.

F. Legislative members of the commission shall receive the same per diem and reimbursement of travel expense as is provided for legislative committees under the rules of the respective house. Nonlegislative commission members shall serve without compensation or per diem.

Acts 1987, No. 158, §1; Acts 1988, No. 783, §1, eff. July 18, 1988; Acts 1995, No. 548, §1.

{{NOTE: SEE ACTS 1988, NO. 783, §2.}}

Justia Lawyer, Legal Aid & Services Directory: [Louisiana Criminal Law Lawyers](#)

---

Copyright © Justia - No copyright claim is made to any of the government data on these pages.

[Company](#) :: [Terms of Service](#) :: [Privacy Policy](#) :: [Contact Us](#) :: Have a Happy Day!

[Supreme Court Center](#) | [US Laws](#) | [Blawgs.FM](#) | [BlawgSearch.com](#) | [Justia](#)

[Justia](#) > [Law](#) > [Louisiana Law](#) > [Louisiana Code](#) > [Title 15 - Criminal procedure](#) > RS 15:324 — Officers; meetings; staff

## RS 15:324 — Officers; meetings; staff

☒ Louisiana Code ☐ All US State Codes

### §324. Officers; meetings; staff

A. The governor shall designate one voting member to serve as chairman at the pleasure of the governor. The chairman shall serve as chief executive officer of the commission.

B. The domicile of the commission shall be in Baton Rouge. The commission shall hold public meetings monthly except as otherwise provided by vote of the commission or by order of the chairman.

C. A simple majority of the voting membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

D. The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice shall provide to the sentencing commission such clerical, administrative, and technical assistance and support as may be necessary in order to enable the sentencing commission to accomplish its goals.

Acts 1987, No. 158, §1.

Justia Lawyer, Legal Aid & Services Directory: [Louisiana Criminal Law Lawyers](#)

Copyright © Justia - No copyright claim is made to any of the government data on these pages.

[Company](#) :: [Terms of Service](#) :: [Privacy Policy](#) :: [Contact Us](#) :: [Have a Happy Day!](#)